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Addendum

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CHAPTER V. FUTURE PROGRAMME OF WORK

Field visits

1. The Assistant Administrator, BPPE, reported on the plans for four field visits for 1992. Field visits to Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean are scheduled to take place in March. It is proposed that the Asia field visit would be to India, from 8 to 15 March and to Bhutan, from 15 to 22 March; that to Latin America and the Caribbean would be to Paraguay, from 15 to 22 March and to Bolivia, from 22 to 29 March 1992. Field visits are planned for Africa and the Arab States in September 1992.

2. The participants in the Asia field visit, according to geographical grouping, are as follows: two from the African States, two from Latin America and the Caribbean States and four from Western Europe and Other States. For the Latin America and Caribbean field visits, there will be one participant from Eastern European States, two from Latin American and Caribbean States and three from Western Europe and Other States.

3. In the ensuing discussion, delegates emphasized the need for early planning of the field visits and close consultation with the host Governments

so that the visits can be properly organized. It was found that the field visits undertaken in January were extremely useful and had led to very interesting and fruitful discussions at the current session of the Standing Committee on some of the key programme issues being considered by the Governing Council.

4. There was also some discussion as to whether the participants should be from capitals or from the missions in New York. One of the delegations felt that in order for these missions to be useful, participants should be from capitals dealing with UNDP and UNFPA matters. Another delegation was of the opinion that it was not so important whether the participants were from capitals or from the missions; what should be emphasized was that whoever participated in the field visits should be fully involved in the work of the Governing Council so that the Standing Committee might benefit from the insight gained during the field visits.